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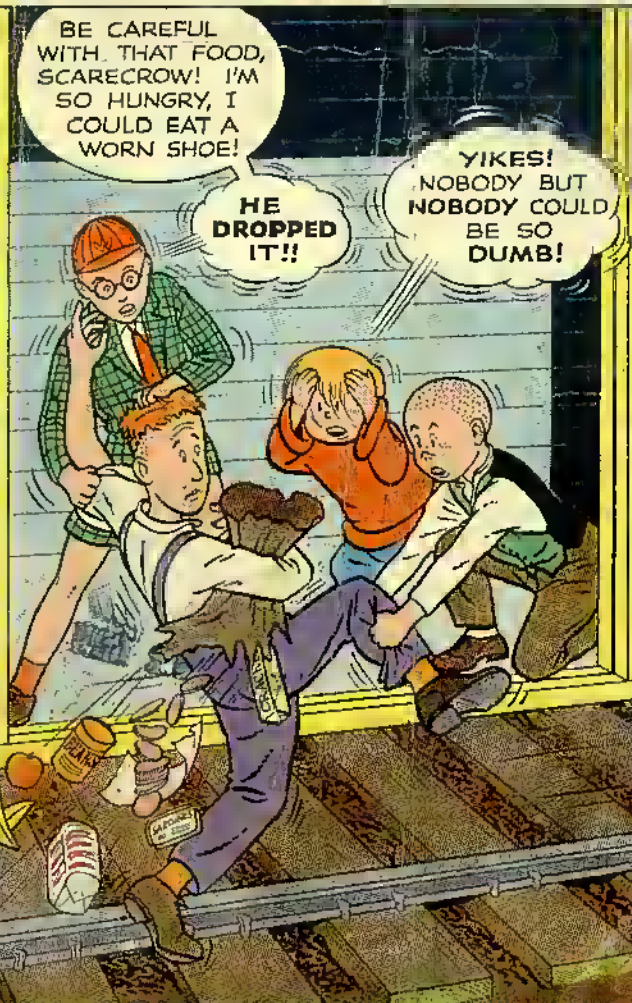
featuring *The Little Wise Guys*



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IN THIS ISSUE: DAREDEVIL AND THE LITTLE WISE GUYS IN "A HOBO CAMP" AND "MAN AT LARGE"

A collage of various comic book covers from the mid-20th century, including titles like 'Supermouse', 'Startling Comics', 'Jetta', 'Mystery Comics', 'Fantastic Tales', 'Cosmo Cat', 'Strange Worlds', 'Exciting Comics', 'Daring Adventures', 'Casper Cat', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Barnyard Comics', 'Famous Funnies', 'Hill Country', 'Teen-Age Sweetheart', 'Jetta', 'Science', 'Quick Lunch', 'Snake Eyes', 'Miss Masque', 'Eerie', 'Exciting Comics', 'Casper Cat', and 'Daring Adventures'. A large, stylized speech bubble with the text 'WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM' is overlaid in the center.

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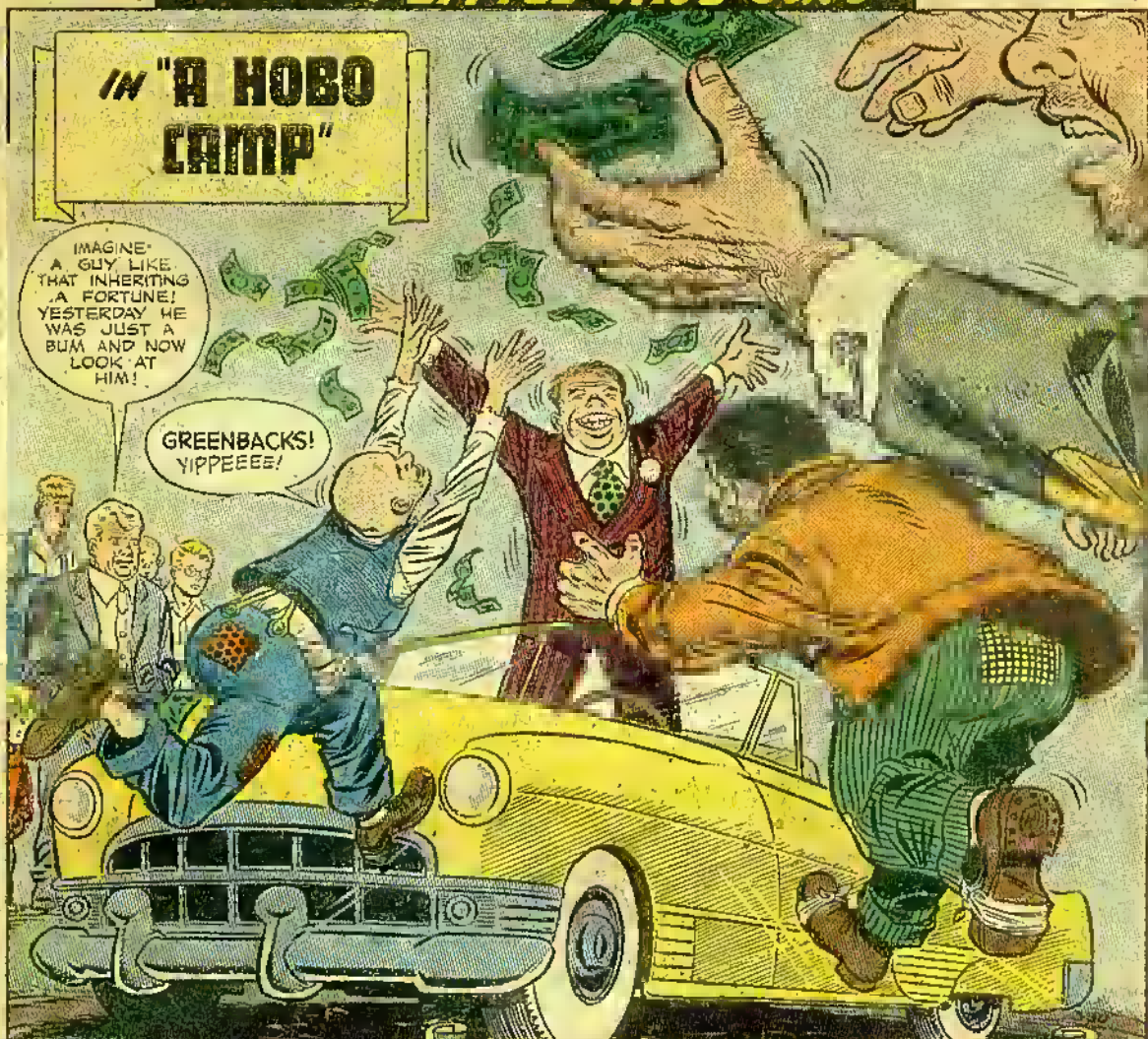
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and the **LITTLE WISE GUYS**

IN "A HOBO
CAMP"

IMAGINE
A GUY LIKE
THAT INHERITING
A FORTUNE!
YESTERDAY HE
WAS JUST A
BUM AND NOW
LOOK AT
HIM!

GREENBACKS!
YIPPEEEES!



STORY BY

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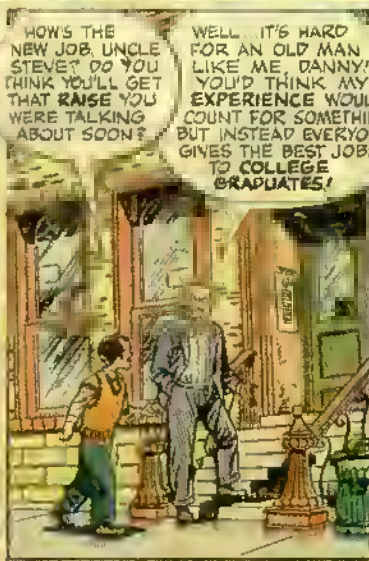
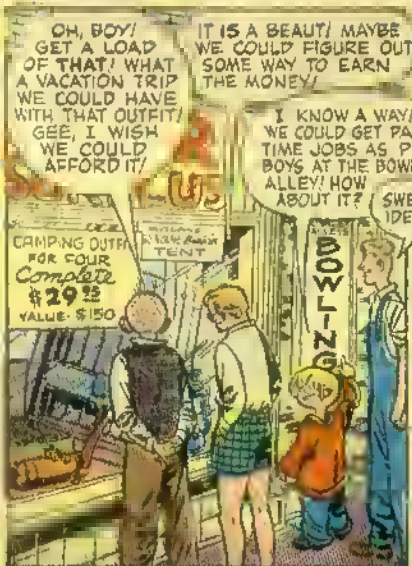
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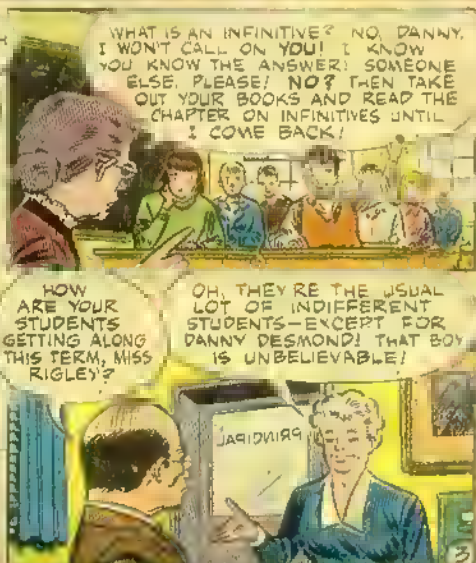
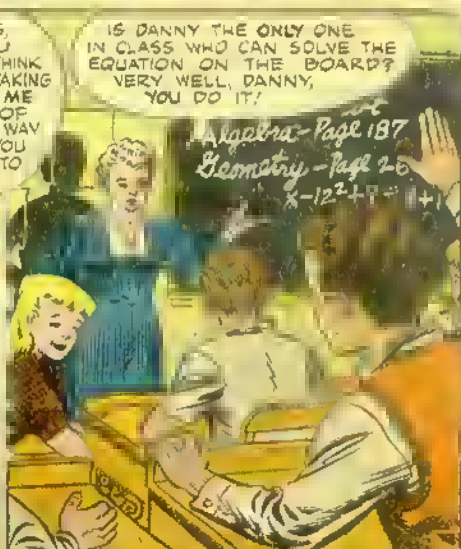
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MAURER**

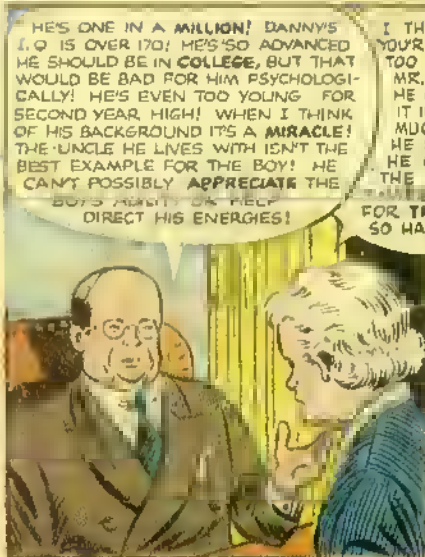
EVERY NOW AND THEN ONE COMES ACROSS A BOY WITH UNUSUALLY SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE! WHATEVER THE REASONS FOR THIS ARE, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL REMAIN COMPARATIVELY MORE BRILLIANT THAN THE AVERAGE! SOMETIMES, HE WILL LOSE HIS GREAT ABILITY AND ADVANTAGE ALMOST OVERNIGHT! OTHERS DEVELOP THEIR GIFTS AND IMPROVE WITH AGE, GIVING TREASURES TO MANKIND!

WHETHER DANNY DESMOND RETAINS HIS UNUSUAL INTELLIGENCE, OR, LIKE A MORNING GLORY, BLOOMS AND DIES, HE IS ONE SWEET BOY WHO DESERVES ALL THE GOOD FORTUNE HE ATTRACTS IN THIS STORY!

Charles Biro







HE'S ONE IN A MILLION! DANNY'S I.Q. IS OVER 170! HE'S SO ADVANCED HE SHOULD BE IN COLLEGE, BUT THAT WOULD BE BAD FOR HIM PSYCHOLOGICALLY! HE'S EVEN TOO YOUNG FOR SECOND YEAR HIGH! WHEN I THINK OF HIS BACKGROUND IT'S A MIRACLE! THE UNCLE HE LIVES WITH ISN'T THE BEST EXAMPLE FOR THE BOY! HE CAN'T POSSIBLY APPRECIATE THE BOY'S ABILITY OR HELP DIRECT HIS ENERGIES!

I THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO HARD ON MR. DESMOND! HE CAN'T HELP IT IF HE HASN'T MUCH ABILITY! HE DOES ALL HE CAN FOR THE BOY! I

FOR TRYING SO HARD!



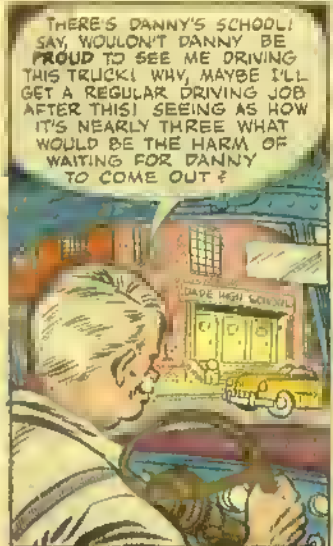
HEY, GUS! GET THAT COAL UP TO THE RITZ RESTAURANT AS SOON AS IT'S LOADED! IT WAS PROMISED FOR THIS MORNING AND THEY'RE RAISING THE DEVIL! STEP ON IT!

OKAY, BOSS!



WOULDN'T YOU KNOW I'D GET A RUSH JOB THE MINUTE I LET THE DRIVER OFF FOR LUNCH! HEY, YOU, DESMOND! YOU DRIVE THIS LOAD OVER TO 618 CENTRAL STREET—THE RITZ! AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!

SURE! ABSOLUTELY!



THERE'S DANNY'S SCHOOL! SAY, WOULDN'T DANNY BE PROUD TO SEE ME DRIVING THIS TRUCK! WHY, MAYBE I'LL GET A REGULAR DRIVING JOB AFTER THIS! SEEING AS HOW IT'S NEARLY THREE WHAT WOULD BE THE HARM OF WAITING FOR DANNY TO COME OUT?



DANNY! DANNY, MY BOY! HERE I AM! OVER HERE IN THE TRUCK!

HA-HA! THAT'S DANNY'S UNCLE DRIVING A COAL TRUCK!

IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE GONNA BE WHEN YOU GROW UP PROFESSOR?

I'LL BET THAT TAKES REAL BRAINS!



DON'T YOU MAKE FUN OF MY UNCLE! HE'S A REAL SWELL GUY!



HEY, YOU! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF SCRAPIN' WITH A KID HALF YOUR SIZE?

HE STARTED IT!



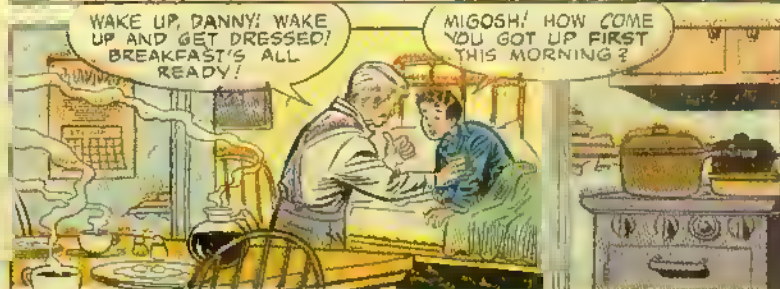
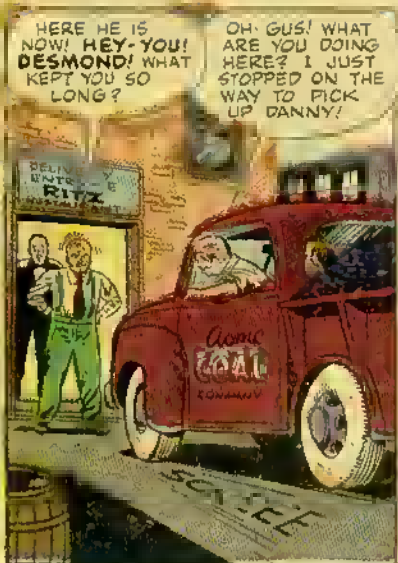
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU—FIGHTING!

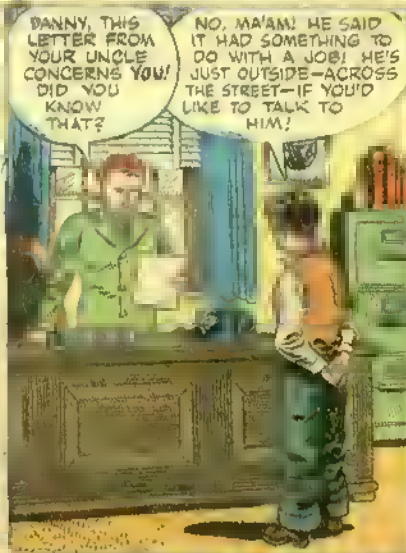
AW, I HAD TO, UNCLE STEVE! THEY WERE MAKING FUN OF YOU! WHAT'S WRONG WITH WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS? IT'S GOOD HONEST WORK!

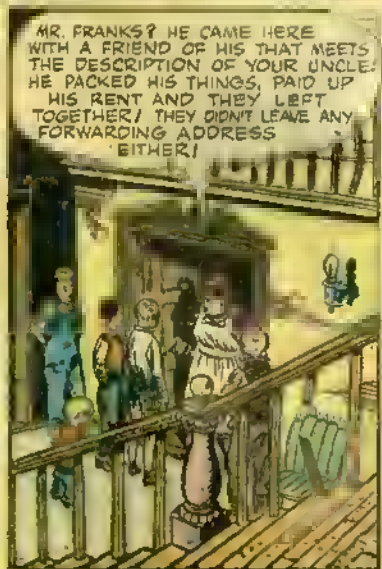


BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I SENT OVER A LOAD OF COAL NEARLY AN HOUR AGO! HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE FORTY MINUTES AGO!

DON'T GIVE ME STORIES, GIVE ME FACTS! IF YOU SENT THE COAL, WHERE IS IT?

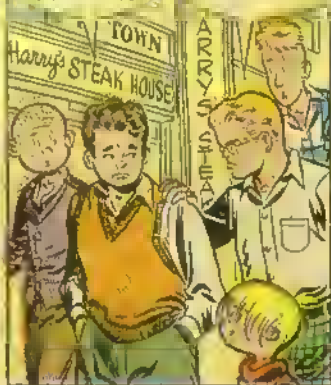






THEY'LL HEAD WEST! I'M PRETTY SURE OF THAT! I'M GOING DOWN TO THE FREIGHT YARDS! MAYBE I CAN FIND THEM BEFORE THEY START OFF!

WE AREN'T GOING TO LET YOU JUST GO WANDERING AROUND ALONE! WE'LL GO WITH YOU—ONLY FIRST GIVE ME A CHANCE TO 'PHONE DAREDEVIL!



SINCE HE'S DETERMINED TO KEEP SEARCHING, YOU'D BETTER STAY WITH HIM TO KEEP HIM FROM DOING ANYTHING FOOLISH! KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ME!



SURE, DAREDEVIL! AND IF HE WON'T GO TO THE ORPHANAGE MAYBE WE CAN TALK HIM INTO STAYING OVERNIGHT WITH US AT THE BARN!

WE'VE LOOKED AND LOOKED, DANNY! I THINK IT'S HOPELESS! YOU'D BETTER COME BACK WITH US!

THEY'D TAKE OFF FROM HERE AND HEAD WEST! I'M PRETTY SURE OF THAT! I CAN'T STOP LOOKING! I HAVE TO FIND UNCLE STEVE!



HEY! DANNY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?



I'M GOING AFTER MY UNCLE!

NO, DANNY! IT'S CRAZY! BESIDES I PROMISED DAREDEVIL WE'D TAKE CARE OF YOU! JUMP OFF!



HE WON'T GET OFF! GOSH, HE CAN'T TRAVEL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ALL ALONE! HE'LL GET INTO TROUBLE!

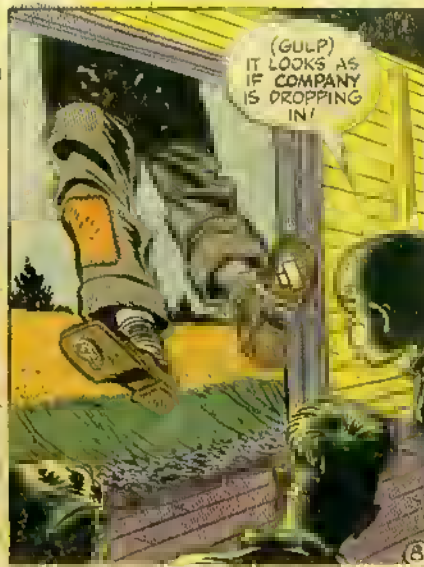
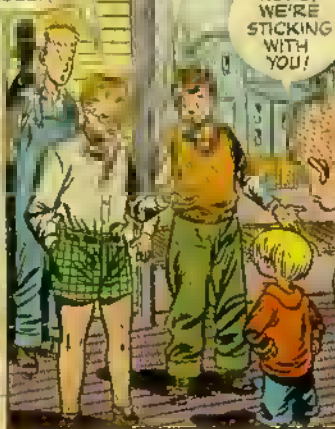
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO! WE'LL HAVE TO GO, TOO! C'MON, GET ABOARD BEFORE THE TRAIN PICKS UP SPEED!



I JUST KNOW D.D. IS GOING TO GIVE US THE PICKENS FOR DOING THIS BUT WE COULDN'T LET DANNY GO BY HIMSELF!

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR YOU! FINDING MY UNCLE IS MY PROBLEM! YOU CAN STILL GET OFF!

NOPE! WE'RE STICKING WITH YOU!



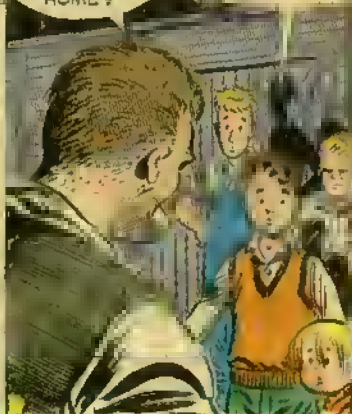
(GULP) IT LOOKS AS IF COMPANY IS DROPPING IN!

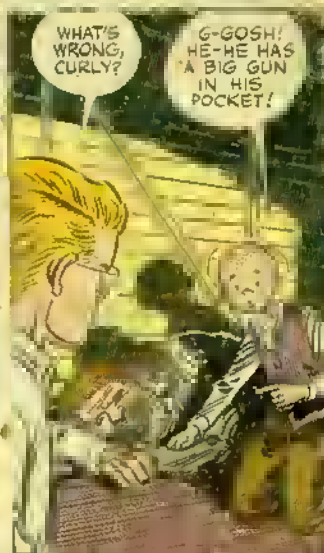


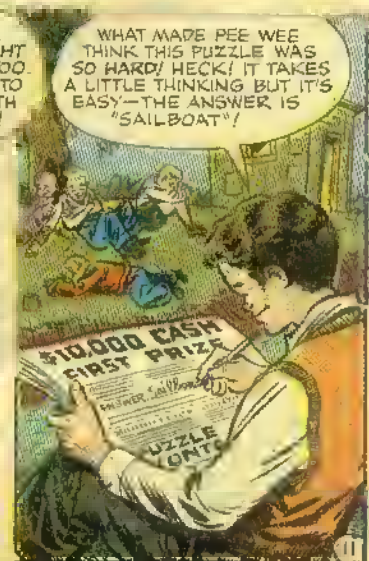
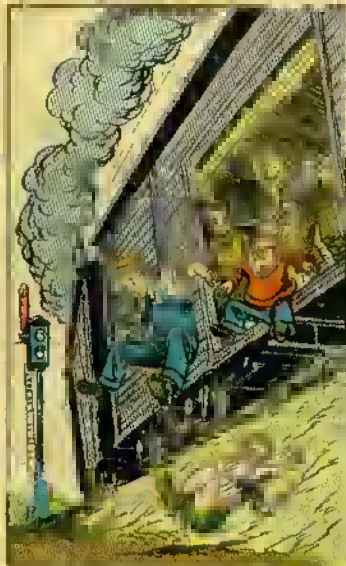
WELL! SINCE WHEN HAVE KINDERGARTEN KIDS STARTED HITTING THE RAILS? WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME?

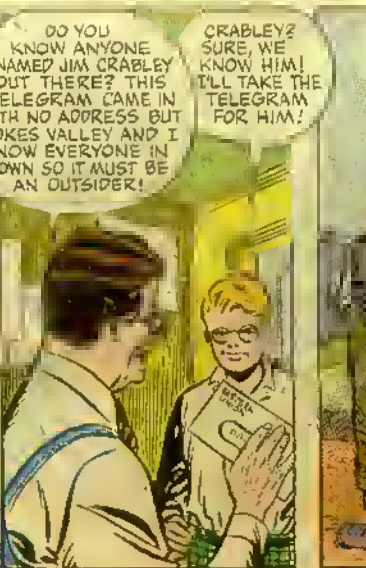
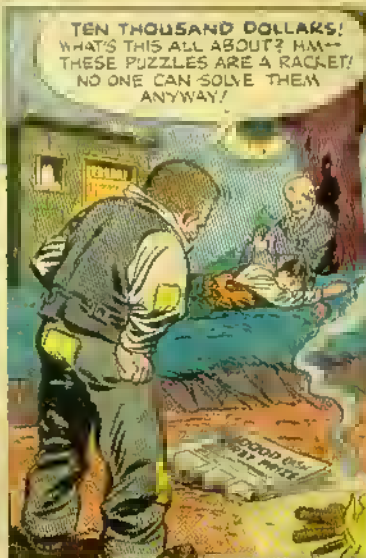
N-NO! I-I'M LOOKING FOR MY UNCLE AND HIS FRIEND-THEY'RE HOBOING! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THEM, HAVE YOU? MY UNCLE IS A BIG MAN AND MR. FRANKS...

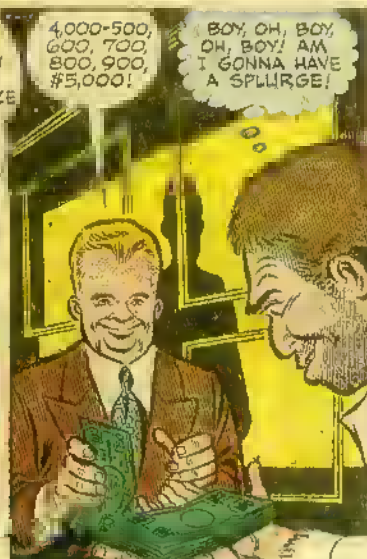
FRANKS? NEVER HEARD OF HIM AND I'VE BEEN HOBOING THIRTY YEARS! EVERYONE KNOWS ME—BIG JIM CRABLEY! YOU STICK WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE ROPES!











GEE, IT'S NICE TO BE HOME AGAIN, UNCLE STEVE! AND THE BEST PART OF ALL IS THAT WE MADE ENOUGH MONEY PICKING PEACHES TO PAY THE RENT, TOO!

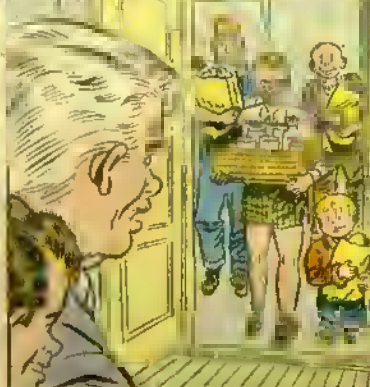
TO PAY THE RENT—YES—BUT WE WON'T HAVE MUCH FOR FOOD UNTIL I FIND ANOTHER JOB!

HEY! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

IT'S A HOUSE-WARMING TO CELEBRATE YOUR COMING BACK! HELP US SET THE TABLE, DANNY! DAREDEVIL'S COMING, TOO!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT, SCARECROW! I'LL BET YOU SPENT ALL YOUR MONEY!

BUT WE DIDN'T! WE MADE ENOUGH PICKING PEACHES TO BUY THE CAMPING OUTFIT WE WANTED AND STILL HAD ENOUGH LEFT OVER FOR THIS SPREAD!



OH, A PARTY! I HOPE I'M NOT INTRUDING! DAREDEVIL LEFT WORD AT THE SCHOOL THAT YOU WOULD BE BACK HOME TODAY SO I JUST DROPPED BY TO SAY HELLO!

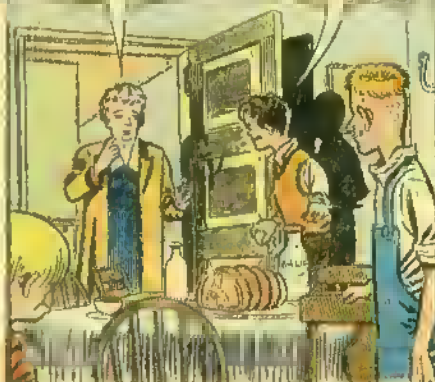
I'M GLAD YOU DID! PLEASE, WON'T YOU STAY AND CELEBRATE WITH US? WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR DAREDEVIL TO COME!

I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME BACK, MR. DESMOND! DANNY NEEDS YOU!

I STILL THINK DANNY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF AT THE ORPHANAGE! I WANT TO BE WITH HIM BUT I CAN'T GIVE HIM THE PROPER HOME! I'M A NO-GOOD FAILURE!

I'M SURE THAT'S NOT TRUE! IT'S JUST THAT YOU HAVEN'T FOUND THE RIGHT JOB! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO DO!

THERE IS, MA'AM! BY PROFESSION I'M A BLACKSMITH AND A GOOD ONE! BUT HORSESHOEING WENT OUT OF DATE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO! THAT WAS THE ONLY TRADE I'VE EVER BEEN A BUM EVER SINCE!



YOU COULD STILL BE A BLACKSMITH—ONLY INSTEAD OF SHOEING HORSES YOU COULD MAKE ANDIRONS AND WEATHER-VANES! THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF THINGS PEOPLE WOULD BUY! YOU COULD HAVE A FINE BUSINESS!

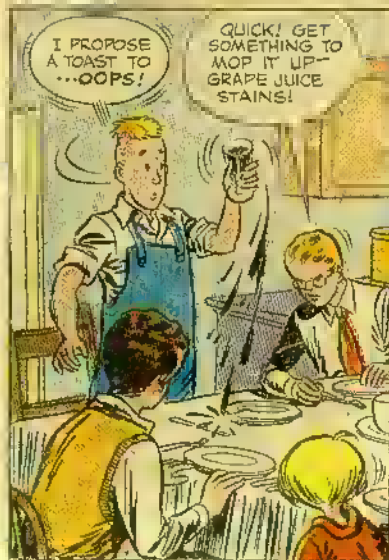
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!

BUT IT WOULDN'T WORK! I'D NEED A SHOP A FORGE—IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF CAPITAL TO START—MORE THAN I CAN EVER HOPE

OH—I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! WHAT A PITY! I JUST KNOW IN MY BONES THAT YOU'D SUCCEED IF ONLY YOU HAD A CHANCE!

HELLO, BOYS! I HOPE I HAVEN'T KEPT YOU WAITING! UM—THIS LOOKS LIKE A PARTY TO END ALL PARTIES!





I PROPOSE
A TOAST TO
...OOPS!

QUICK! GET
SOMETHING TO
MOP IT UP—
GRAPE JUICE
STAINS!



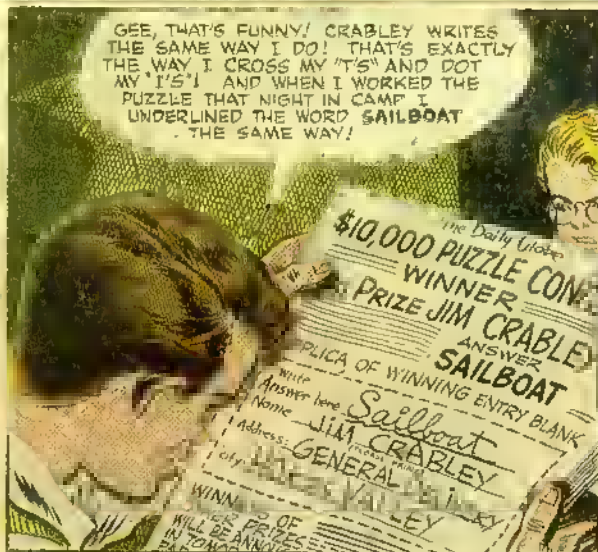
HEY—LOOK! THIS IS THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHO WON
THAT PUZZLE CONTEST—YOU
KNOW, CURLY, THE ONE WE
SAW IN THAT PAPER AT
CAMP! I WONDER WHO
WON FIRST PRIZE...



FIRST
PRIZE—
**JIM
CRABLEY!**

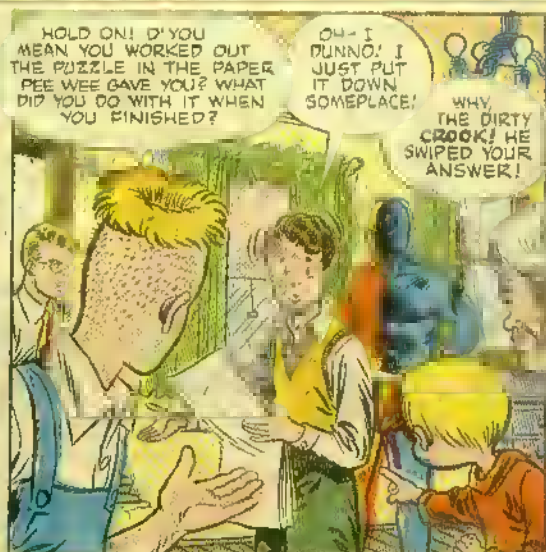
WHAT! WHY, THAT GUY
COULD HARDLY WRITE
HIS OWN NAME—LET
ALONE WORK OUT
A PUZZLE!

HEY! LET
ME SEE
THAT!



GEE, THAT'S FUNNY! CRABLEY WRITES
THE SAME WAY I DO! THAT'S EXACTLY
THE WAY I CROSS MY 'T'S' AND DOT
MY 'I'S'! AND WHEN I WORKED THE
PUZZLE THAT NIGHT IN CAMP I
UNDERLINED THE WORD **SAILBOAT**
THE SAME WAY!

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ZIP *VALLEY*
WINNER OF
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IN LONG ANNUAL



HOLD ON! D'YOU
MEAN YOU WORKED OUT
THE PUZZLE IN THE PAPER
PEE WEE GAVE YOU? WHAT
DID YOU DO WITH IT WHEN
YOU FINISHED?

OH—I
DUNNO! I
JUST PUT
IT DOWN
SOMEPLACE!

WHY
THE DIRTY
CROOK! HE
SWIPED YOUR
ANSWER!



THAT EXPLAINS
WHERE HE GOT ALL
THE MONEY! GOLLY,
DAREDEVIL, ISN'T
THERE ANYTHING
DANNY CAN DO? HE
DESERVES THE
PRIZE! CRABLEY
WON IT BY
FRAUD!

THE TROUBLE
IS THAT CRABLEY
HAS THE MONEY
AND UNLESS YOU
CAN FIND HIM AND
MAKE HIM ADMIT
HE CHEATED, DANNY'S
CLAIM WOULD BE
HARD TO
PROVE!



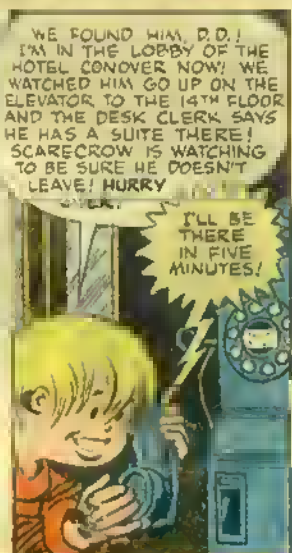
WE WOULDN'T HAVE A
REAL CASE AGAINST HIM
SO I COULDN'T ARRANGE FOR
AN ARREST WARRANT! EVEN
IF I COULD—ALL I HAVE IS
YOUR WORD DESCRIPTION
OF HIM!

WAIT
A SEC!



WHEN I FOUND
HE WAS CARRYING
A GUN, I MADE THIS
SKETCH! I MEANT
TO SEND IT TO YOU
TO SEE IF HE MIGHT
BE A WANTED
CRIMINAL! THEN, IN
THE EXCITEMENT
OF FINDING
DANNY'S UNCLE,
I FORGOT!

THIS PICTURE
MAY SAVE THE
DAY! IF HE HAS
A CRIMINAL
RECORD WE MAY
BE ABLE TO DO
SOMETHING! I'LL
HAVE THIS
CHECKED RIGHT





YOU ROTTEN LITTLE STOOL PIGEONS!

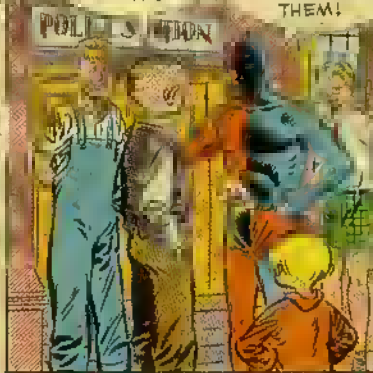
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, CRABLEY! IF YOU HADN'T USED DANNY'S ANSWERS TO WIN THE PUZZLE CONTEST WE MIGHT NEVER HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE WANTED FOR ROBBERY!

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW WE'D MISS THE EXCITEMENT! NOW THAT HE'S CAUGHT, WHAT ABOUT THE PRIZE MONEY, D.D.? WILL CRABLEY HAVE TO GIVE IT TO DANNY?

IT'S NEARLY ALL GONE, BUT I THINK THE JUDGES OF THE CONTEST MAY DO SOMETHING FOR DANNY WHEN THEY LEARN THE FACTS! I HAVE ALREADY NOTIFIED THEM!

WE'RE IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION! WE'VE GIVEN FIRST PRIZE TO A CRIMINAL AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE HE STOLE THE ANSWER! I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE A DUPLICATE AWARD TO THIS BOY DANNY!

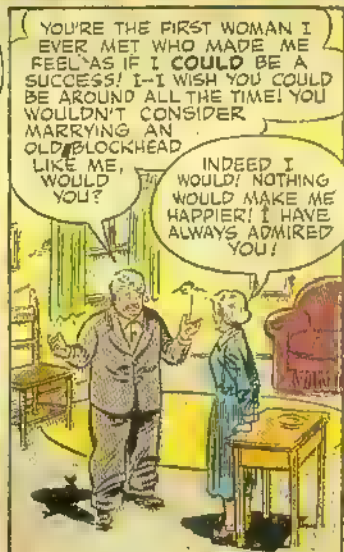
I AGREE!



NO! I WON'T TOUCH A PENNY OF IT! IT'S YOUR MONEY!



NOW, WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT? NO WONDER DANNY THINKS SO MUCH OF YOU!



INDEED I WOULD! NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER! I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOU!



WHAT WAS THE LAST WORD YOU HAD FROM YOUR UNCLE, DANNY?



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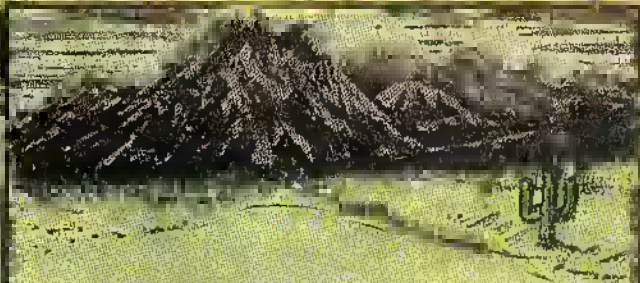
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DENY IT-IF YOU CAN!

by
CLAUDE
MOORE



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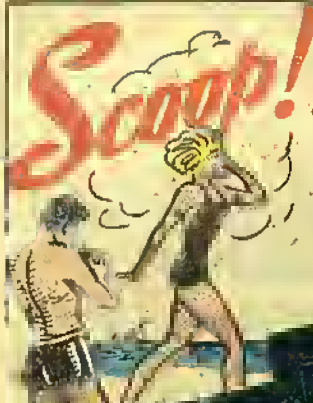
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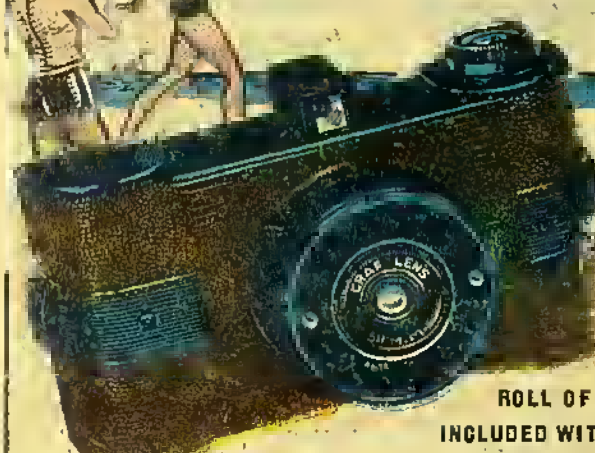
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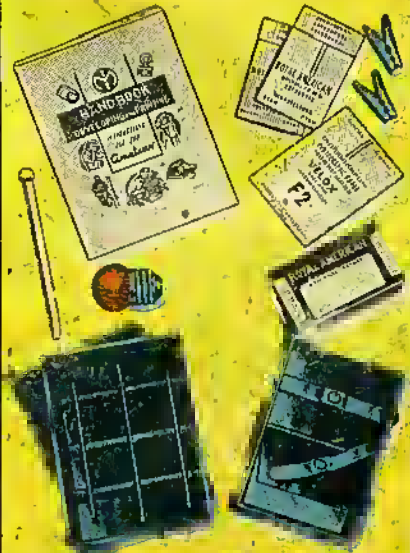
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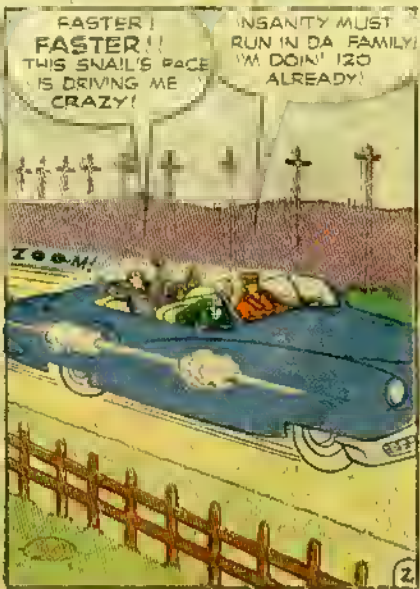
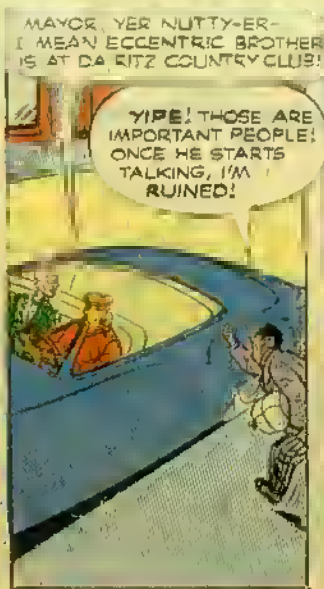
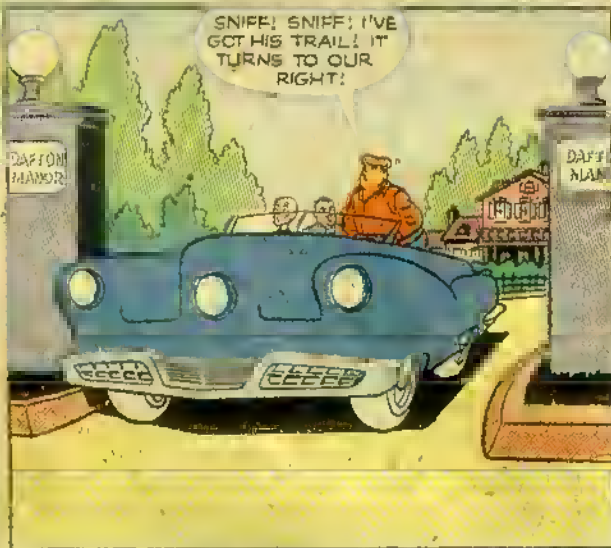
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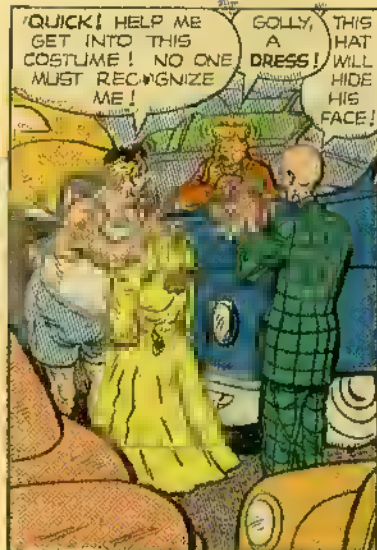
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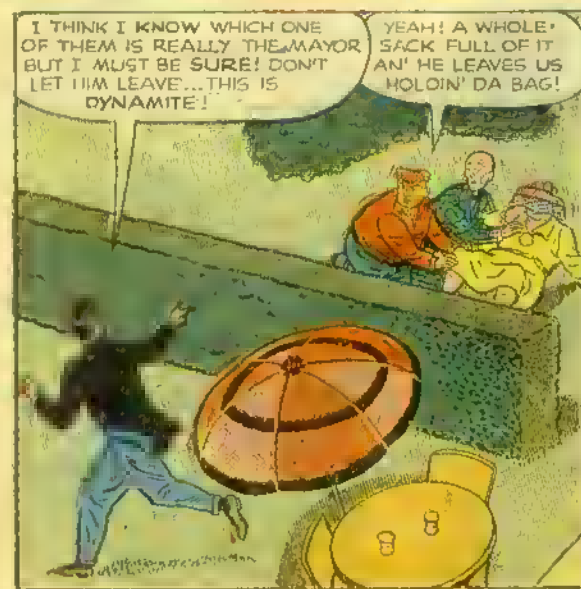
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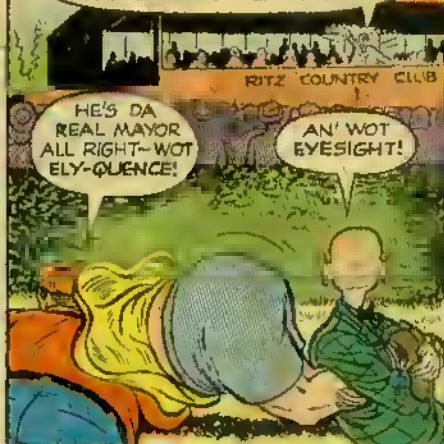
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HE AIN'T
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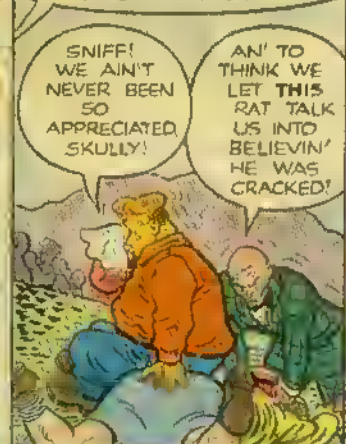
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ALL RIGHT-WOT
ELY-QUENCE!

AN' WOT
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YES, FELLOW CITIZENS, WE SEE HIM LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT WITH THOSE TWO INVINCIBLE WARRIORS, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND COURAGE!



SNIFF!
WE AIN'T
NEVER BEEN
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AN' TO
THINK WE
LET THIS
RAT TALK
US INTO
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HE WAS
CRACKED!

SO I SAY TO YOU, MY FRIENDS, BE NOT CONFUSED! HAVE NO FEAR! HITLER WILL BE DEFEATED!



OH-H, SKULLY,
DEY'RE GONNA
LOCK US UP!



AN'
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HEY YOU TWO-
DID YOU
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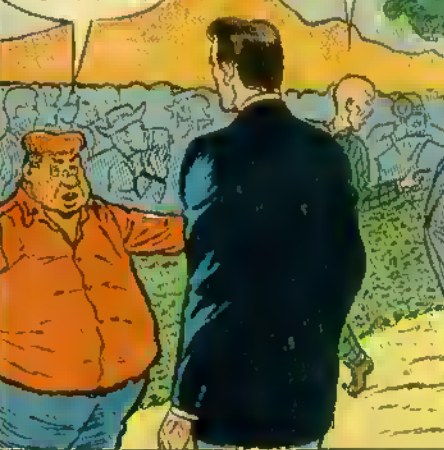
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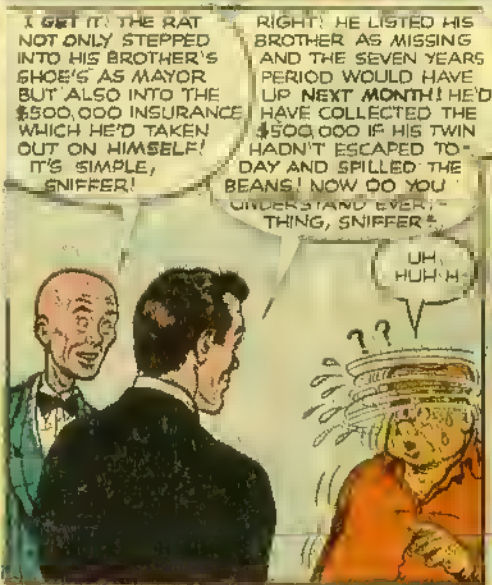
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"THAT'S the phone for you," said District Attorney Looover to Crimebuster as he put down the receiver, "It sounds like Mrs. Markley."

"Hello," said Crimebuster. "Yes, Mrs. Markley. *What!* For two days? I'll run right up and help them search. Don't worry, though. They're smart boys and they'll turn up unharmed."

Crimebuster looked worried as he put the phone down.

"What's up, CB?" asked Looover, "Has anything happened to Bill and Sam Markley?"

"I'm really worried, Looover," CB fretted. "I saw them off to camp just last week. Mrs. Markley didn't hear from her sons for two days, then one of the counselors phoned just this morning. The boys had gone off on a two day camping trip. Apparently Bill and Sam didn't turn up night before last and haven't been heard from since. All the counselors, the boys at camp, and the forest rangers have started searching, but there's no sign of either one. C'mon Squeeks," CB said to his monkey, "let's get going."

"It's pretty quiet around here, I think I'll go too," said Looover. No sooner had he spoken than the phone rang again. The last words Crimebuster heard as he and Squeeks left the room were, "Mr. Jennings, of the Museum, yes sir. You're sure they're from the lost tribe. Where did they come from?"

"We'll just let Looover worry about the lost tribe—eh Squeeks?" said Crimebuster as they hurried down the street to the station to catch the quickest bus to Pike's Corner.

The bus plodded up the mountain roads and Crimebuster mused. Although he was worried about Bill and Sam, it was nice to get away from the city and out in the open in this beautiful summer air.

"You going up to the Telulah Camp, CB?" queried the bus driver.

"Yes," said Crimebuster, "As a matter of fact, I'm worried about two of my friends, Bill and Sam Markley. I saw them off for camp just two weeks ago. This morning their mother called and said they'd been missing for a couple of days. They'd been off on a hike with some other boys and disappeared."

"I remember those boys," the driver replied. "Nice kids. I'm sure you'll find them all right. They're smart and I know they're not foolhardy."

The bus continued up the mountain pass. Squeeks was making friends with all the passengers while Crimebuster and the driver talked.

"See that old guy in the back seat?" the bus driver muttered under his breath to Crimebuster.

"Yes, you mean the one with the beard, the

one that looks like an old-time miner?" asked Crimebuster as he peered over his shoulder.

"That's the one," continued the bus driver, "If you can talk to him he might help you out. But he's a funny old codger. He lives up there somewhere near the camp and no one seems to know just where—and he won't talk. At least, he'd be familiar with the country and might help you in your search for the boys."

At that moment Squeeks, in his efforts to get acquainted with the old man, had got his foot caught in his beard. Impatiently the old man brushed Squeeks to the floor and, needless to say, Squeeks didn't let that pass without loud objections.

"You know, too, CB," the bus driver went on, "Up here somewhere is supposed to be 'the hidden valley'. No one is quite sure where it is located but because of Indian relics they've found in the vicinity they're pretty sure it's around somewhere. It's supposed to be the home site of a lost tribe of Indians who were particularly skilled in silver and bead work and it's believed that if they can find the exact location there will be a terrific cache of Indian treasure. The monetary value would not be so much but it's value to museums is worth enough for them to offer a substantial reward to anyone locating the cache."

"I've heard about that," mused Crimebuster, "Locating that particular spot would be quite a discovery and a great enlightenment for museums and archaeologists. Well, I think I'll try to get acquainted with this old man."

Crimebuster approached the old timer and found that Squeeks had not very successfully broken ground for their friendship. Squeeks stayed at a safe distance from the two.

"Hello, there," said Crimebuster, "I understand you live up near Camp Telulah?"

"That's right," said the old man.

"I'm going up to the camp to help look for a couple of boys, friends of mine who have been missing for two days," Crimebuster continued.

"Heard about that," said the old man.

"I guess there are lots of places they could wander to," queried Crimebuster.

"Guess so," the old man muttered laconically.

After a few further attempts at conversation Crimebuster gave up and settled back to enjoy the rest of the trip.

The bus finally arrived at Pike's Crossing and as Crimebuster and Squeeks descended, much to their surprise they saw Looover sitting in his car waiting for them.

"Well, CB, you rushed out of the office too fast. I didn't realize I'd be following on your heels so soon. I'm looking for . . . oh, oh, pile in and let's just be quiet for a minute," Looover quickly

whispered to Crimebuster as they watched the old man get off the hus.

"I think there's a tie-in somewhere, said Crimebuster, "I've got a hunch. Let's follow that man."

"Best thing to do is put Squeeks right on his trail. He's probably suspicious of us and would try to dodge us. Hey, Squeeks," Crimebuster whispered to the monkey . . .

After a few words from Crimebuster, Squeeks jumped from his shoulder and dodged from tree to tree to follow the old man, silently and carefully. Crimebuster and Looover gave the old man time enough to get out of sight, then followed in the same general direction.

They left the road and Pike's Crossing far behind them. After what seemed endless bashing through underbrush, they finally came to a fairly well-defined trail through the timber. Squeeks reappeared and heckoned them on.

On and on they followed the trail. They climbed higher and higher. Often they would pass an old mine shaft, long abandoned. Squeeks reappeared every so often to assure them that they were still on the right track. Squeeks, of course, had the advantage of being able to swing along in the trees and make faster progress than Looover and Crimebuster, as they unfortunately had rocks, old fallen trees and much underbrush to climb over, which impeded their progress.

Again they passed an old mine shaft and Crimebuster thought aloud, "Just think of the gold that was brought out of these hills. Wonder if there's any left in any of these old mines?"

"They wouldn't have been abandoned if there were," said Looover.

After wandering a while, Crimebuster suddenly shouted, "Where's Squeeks? We haven't seen him for a long time. Maybe we've reached the end of our trail."

"Guess I was thinking too hard about those abandoned mines," said Looover.

Both stopped short, looked and listened. Not a sound was heard except the breath of the wind in the pine trees.

"Wait a minute," said Crimebuster, "let's go back and look at that last mine shaft."

They raced back to the opening of the shaft, climbed up to it and peered into its dark and fathomless mouth.

"Look," said Crimebuster, "there's a ladder going down. I'm going to try it."

"Watch it," warned Looover, "that may be rotten from age."

"But this looks pretty new, I think I'll trust it," Crimebuster said as he tested the ladder. It appeared to be of new pine. If it had been there for years it would have crumbled at the touch. "Wait," he whispered, "I think I hear Squeeks."

"You're right," said Looover, as they both listened and heard a vaguely muffled squeak that seemed to come from the depths of the mine.

"Well," said Crimebuster, "Let's not waste any time, we're on the right track."

He crawled into the gap in the rock, climbed down the ladder with Looover right above him. Crimebuster had descended no more than a hun-

dred feet when his feet hit solid ground. The shaft seemed to have taken a complete right angle and instead of going down into the mountain had turned and tunneled directly into it.

"Let's follow this," said Crimebuster.

Inch by inch they crept in the darkness. Never were they sure of their footing, feared at every step the shaft would crumble and they'd go hurtling down into the insides of the mountain. Then a faint streak of light appeared and they could see their way. Suddenly Squeeks appeared in front of them.

"Good old Squeeks," Crimebuster commended the monkey, "I knew you could track down the old codger."

The light became brighter and brighter and suddenly they found themselves at an opening.

"What a vista," said Crimebuster. "Do you mean we've bored right through a mountain in that short time?"

"Looks like we have," said Looover, "But, look, what a beautiful valley. It's completely surrounded by high rocks and mountains. I bet this doesn't even appear on the map."

"Look, down there, there's a lean-to! Some one must know this place—and this must be where the old miner lives," cried Crimebuster as he pointed into the valley.

They almost ran down the slope of the mountain toward the lean-to. As they approached, not only did they see the old man from the hus, but also Bill and Sam seated, enjoying hot dogs, in front of a fire.

"Well," said Crimebuster, "you look awfully nonchalant for two missing boys. Don't you know the whole camp is out searching for you two and your mother's worried?"

The old timer looked pretty uncomfortable as Sam said, "But Old Mac went into town today with the arrow heads and jewelry we found and said he told the camp that we were all right. He turned the stuff into the museum and they said it wasn't worth anything."

Hearing a warning squeak, Crimebuster turned in time to catch the old man's hand as he reached toward a battered rifle standing in the corner of the lean-to.

"Never mind, Old Mac," Crimebuster said sternly, just because two kids wandered into your hidden valley and found relics *you've* been looking for all these years doesn't mean that *you* are to reap the reward the museum has offered."

"Pack up your relics, kids, and come on, Old Mac," continued Crimebuster as he picked up the battered old rifle. "We have to report to the camp quickly and let them know you're all right. We'd better reassure your mother, and then, we'd better notify the museum that they can hand out their reward for the discovery of the "hidden valley" of the lost tribe to Bill and Sam Markley. And, Old Mac—I think Looover had better turn you over to the proper authorities.

Squeeks proudly led the procession back to the mine shaft, up the ladder and out on the trail toward home again.

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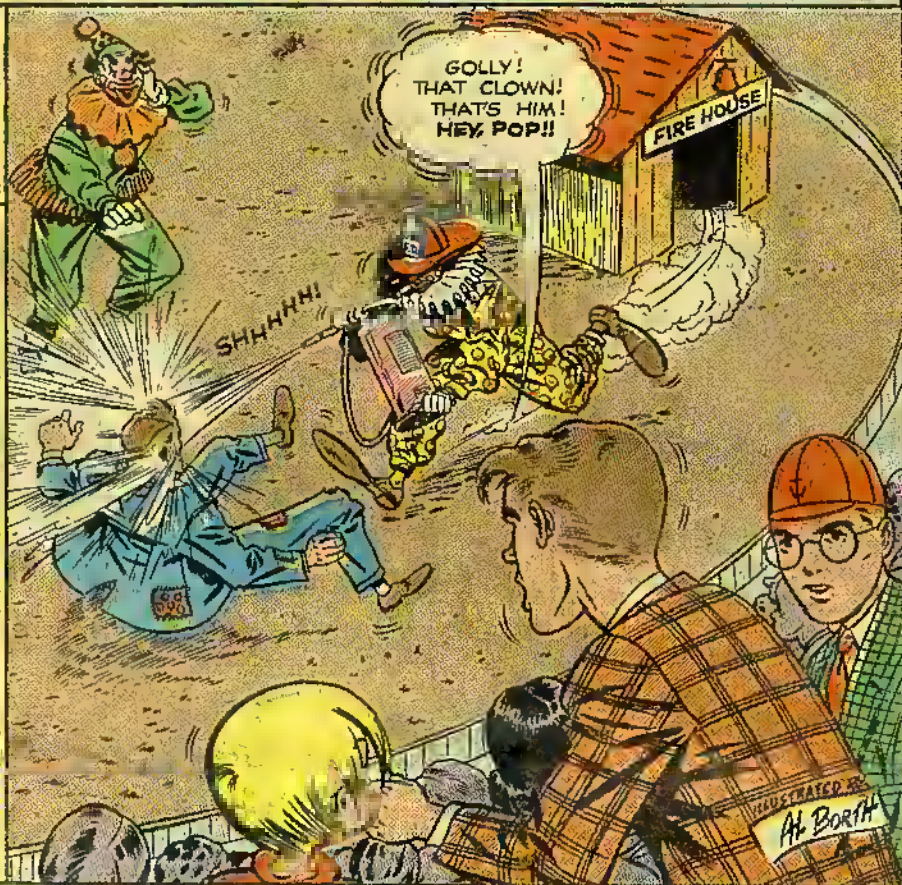
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Charles Bix





FIVE MINUTES AND HE HASN'T MOVED YET! HE CAN'T BE HUMAN—NOT HUMAN! HA-HA!



A SCARECROW! IS THIS A BREAK! MY CHANCES IN PRISON CLOTHES WERE SLIM, BUT NOW—



IT'S NOT EXACTLY AN OUTFIT I'D PICK BUT BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS!



THE HOUNDS HAVE FOUND MY TRAIL! IF I DON'T CATCH A PASSING FREIGHT CAR, I'M LOST!



CRANE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE KIND OF GUY TO PULL A BREAK! I ALWAYS LIKED HIM!

HE'S CRAZY TO HAVE DONE IT! HE WAS ONLY IN FOR THREE YEARS ON LARCENY! IF HE HADN'T DONE THIS HE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN A PAROLE NEXT YEAR!



I WONDER WHAT MADE HIM GO CROOKED IN THE FIRST PLACE!

THE STORY I HEARD WAS THAT HIS WIFE AND KID WERE BOTH SICK AND HE WAS DESPERATE FOR MONEY. HE WAS A BOOKKEEPER AND SWIPED MONEY FROM HIS COMPANY!



HE OFFERED TO MAKE RESTITUTION BUT THE FIRM PREFERRED CHARGES AND WHAT IS MORE OF A TRAGEDY, HIS WIFE DIED DURING THE TRAIL!

POOR GUY—LOOK, THE HOUNDS SOUND AS IF THEY'RE CLOSE ON HIS TRAIL—AND LIKE I GUESSED, HE'S HEADED FOR THE FREIGHT YARD!

THERE'S A HUM IN THE RAILE! THAT MEANS A TRAIN'S COMING! IT'D BETTER GET HERE QUICK—THERE'S NO HIDING ANYWHERE WITH THOSE HOUNDS ON MY SCENT!

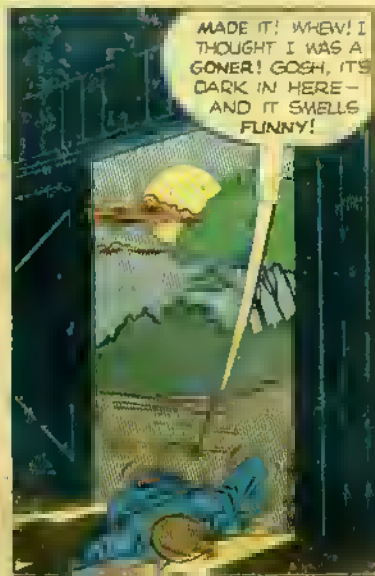


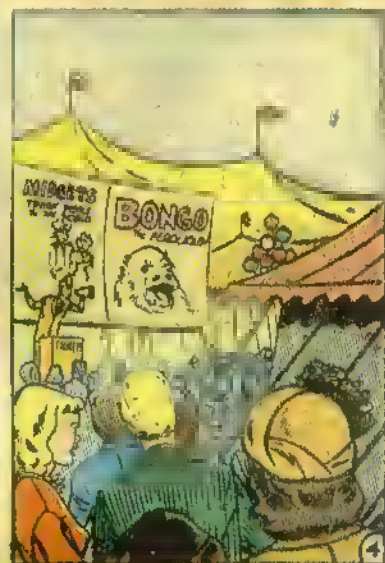
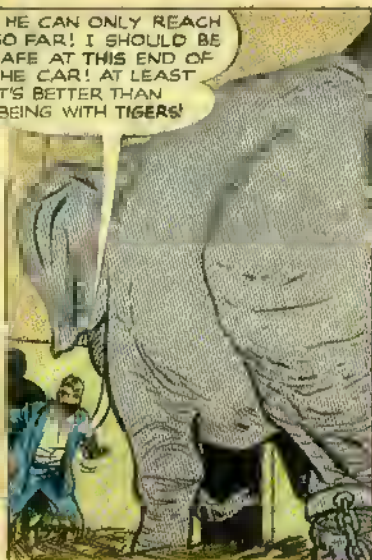
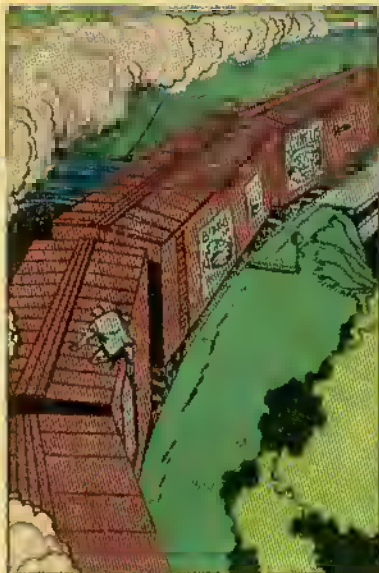
THEY'VE SPOTTED ME!



THERE THEY ARE!

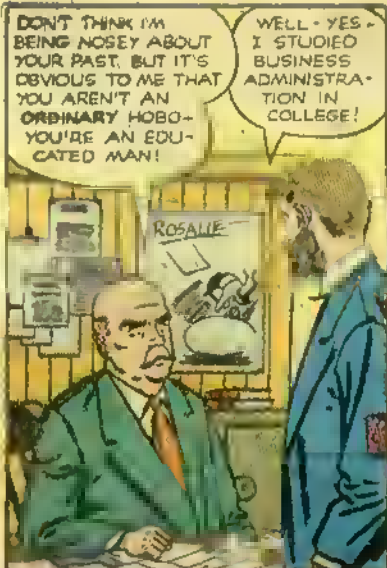
I SEE HIM, BUT WATCH IT, HARRY—DON'T TRY TO CROSS! THE TRAIN'S TOO CLOSE!



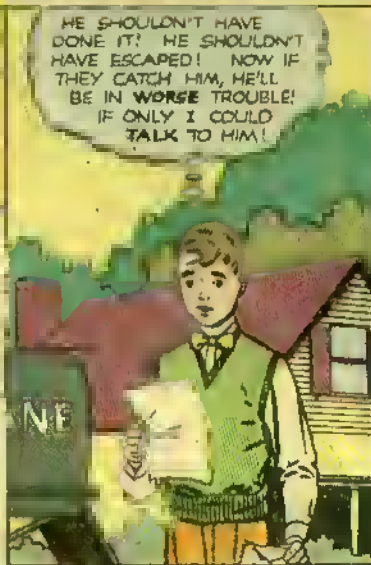


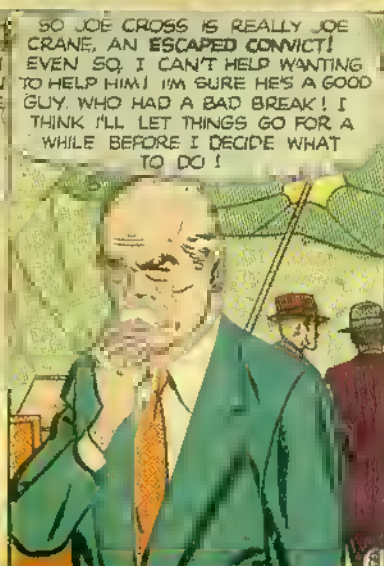
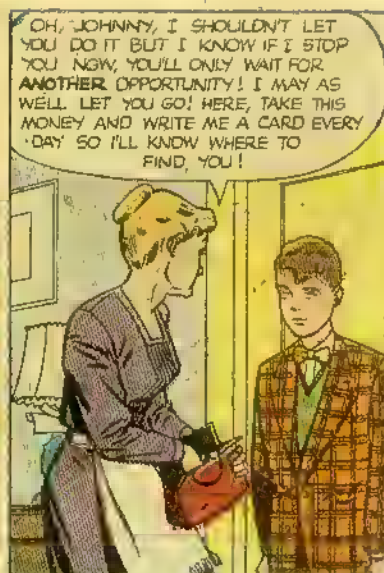






"DEAR JOHNNY: I CAN'T TELL YOU WHERE I AM OR WHAT I'M DOING, BUT I HOPE WE CAN SOON BE TOGETHER! ENCLOSED IS \$25, AND I'LL SEND YOU MONEY REGULARLY EVERY WEEK! BE A GOOD BOY AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M SORRY I BROKE OUT OF PRISON, BUT I HAD TO DO IT! LOVE, DAD P.S. DON'T LET ANYONE READ THIS LETTER."





HIYAH, WISE GUYS! I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN BEHAVING YOURSELVES! GUESS WHAT I'VE GOT IN MY HAND?

STAGE MONEY?

I SAY THEY'RE POST-CARDS!

THEY'RE CIRCUS TICKETS! I CAN'T JOIN YOU NOW! YOU KIDS RUN ALONG! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE EVANSDALE STATION AT 6:30!

YIPPEE! CIRCUS TICKETS! YUM-YUM!

GOSH, IT'S 6:45 ALREADY! I WONDER WHERE DAREDEVIL IS?

WITH THE CIRCUS IN TOWN, HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO REMEMBER ANYONE FROM YOUR VAGUE DESCRIPTION! SONNY, YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK!

CALLING SCARECROW—CALLING SCARECROW—COME TO INFORMATION DESK OF STATION, URGENT TELEPHONE MESSAGE!

OH-OH-THAT MUST BE DAREDEVIL! HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHERE WE ARE!

I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO THE CIRCUS, SCARECROW! I'LL BE STUCK AT HEADQUARTERS UNTIL MID-NIGHT! YOU BOYS GO AHEAD—AND GIVE MY TICKET TO SOMEBODY ELSE!

OKAY, D.D.! GOSH, I'M SORRY YOU WON'T BE WITH US!

GEE, IT'S TOO BAD DAREDEVIL CAN'T COME ALONG! WHO CAN WE GIVE THIS TICKET TO?

HOW ABOUT THAT KID OVER THERE? IT LOOKS AS IF HE'S ALL ALONE! HE MIGHT LIKE IT!

HEY! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A TICKET TO THE CIRCUS FOR TONIGHT? WE HAVE AN EXTRA ONE!

NO THANKS! I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY! HE'S SOMEPLACE HERE IN EVANSDALE AND I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

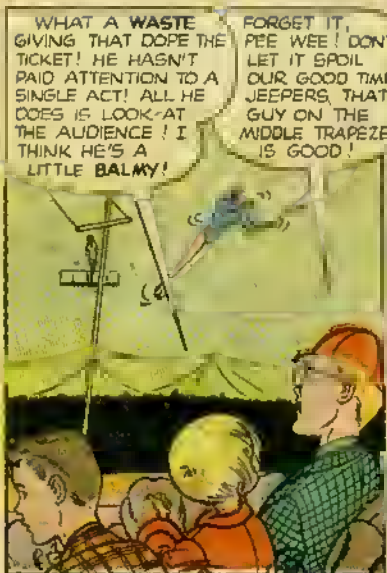
IMAGINE ANYONE TURNING DOWN A FREE TICKET TO THE CIRCUS! YOU MUST HAVE PROBLEMS!

MAYBE WHOEVER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MIGHT BE AT THE CIRCUS! WHY NOT LOOK THERE?

THAT'S AN IDEA!

OKAY, I GUESS MAYBE I WILL ACCEPT YOUR OFFER!

HUH! YOU COULD AT LEAST SOUND MORE ENTHUSIASTIC! HEY! THERE'S THE CIRCUS BUS! LET'S GO!



WHAT A WASTE GIVING THAT DOPE THE TICKET! HE HASN'T PAID ATTENTION TO A SINGLE ACT! ALL HE DOES IS LOOK AT THE AUDIENCE! I THINK HE'S A LITTLE BALMY!

FORGET IT, PEE WEE! DON'T LET IT SPOIL OUR GOOD TIME. JEEPERS, THAT GUY ON THE MIDDLE TRAPEZE IS GOOD!



GET A LOAD OF THOSE CLOWNS! BOY! I LOVE THE CLOWN ACT!

UHUH!



GOLLY! THAT CLOWN—THAT'S HIM! HEY, POP!



EXCUSE ME, PLEASE! I SEE THE PERSON I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! I MUST GET TO HIM RIGHT AWAY!

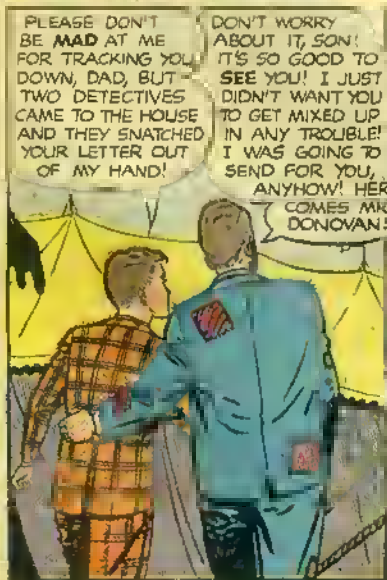


HE SURE IS A FUNNY GUY! I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR THINKING HE'S A LITTLE NUTS, PEE WEE!



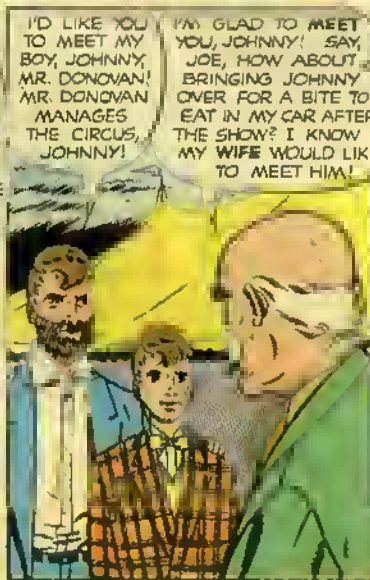
JOHNNY! HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

GEE, DAD! I HAD TO FIND YOU!



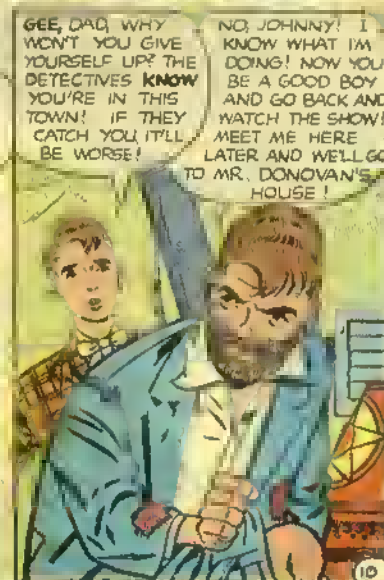
PLEASE DON'T BE MAD AT ME FOR TRACKING YOU DOWN, DAD, BUT TWO DETECTIVES CAME TO THE HOUSE AND THEY SNATCHED YOUR LETTER OUT OF MY HAND!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, SON! IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU! I JUST DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GET MIXED UP IN ANY TROUBLE! I WAS GOING TO SEND FOR YOU, ANYHOW! HERE COMES MR. DONOVAN!



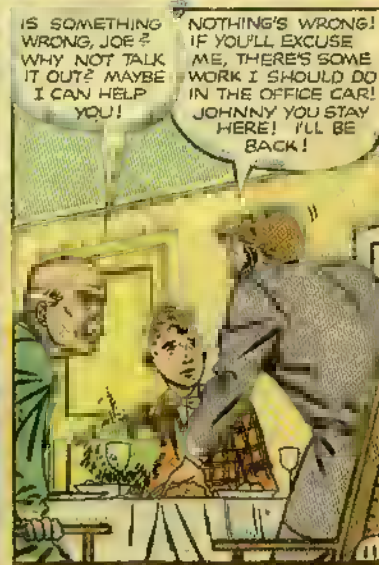
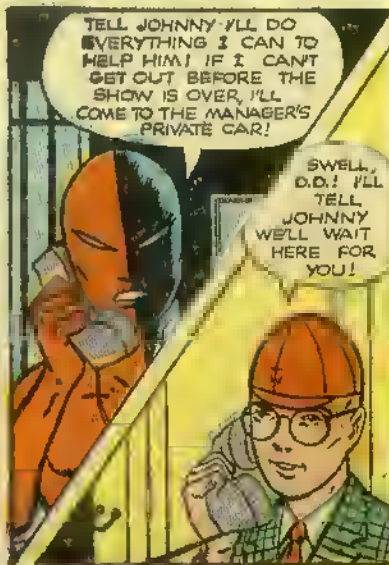
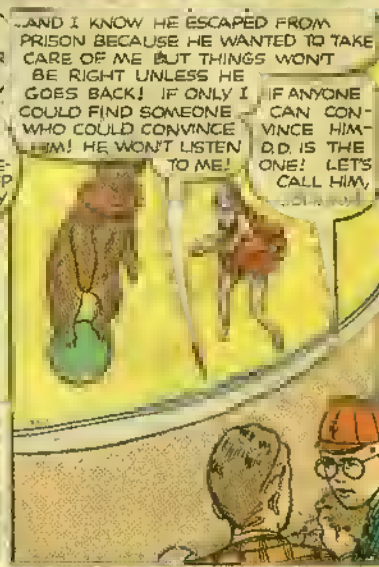
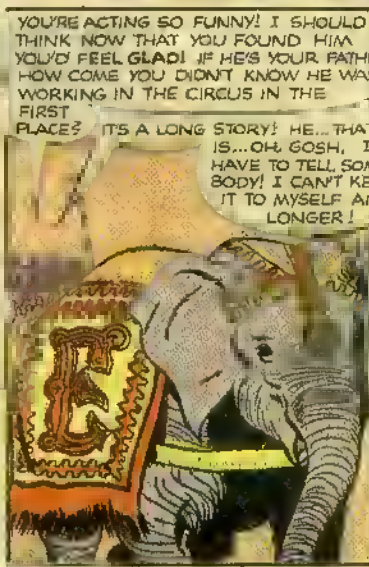
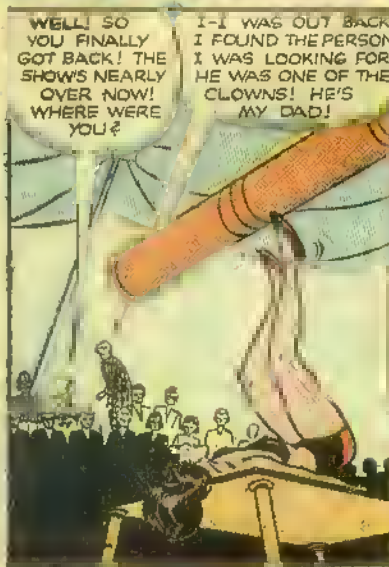
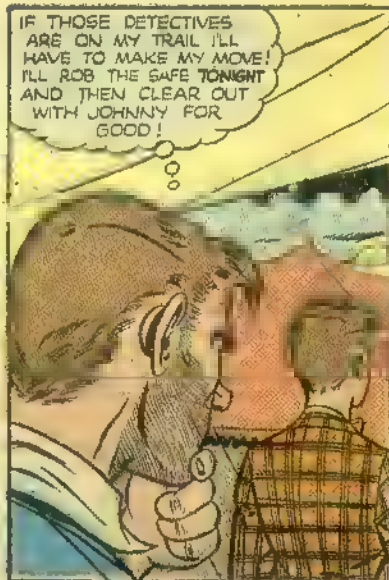
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MY BOY, JOHNNY, MR. DONOVAN! MR. DONOVAN MANAGES THE CIRCUS, JOHNNY!

I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU, JOHNNY! SAY, JOE, HOW ABOUT BRINGING JOHNNY OVER FOR A BITE TO EAT IN MY CAR AFTER THE SHOW? I KNOW MY WIFE WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM!



GEE, DAD, WHY WOULDN'T YOU GIVE YOURSELF UP? THE DETECTIVES KNOW YOU'RE IN THIS TOWN! IF THEY CATCH YOU IT'LL BE WORSE!

NO, JOHNNY! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! NOW YOU BE A GOOD BOY AND GO BACK AND WATCH THE SHOW! MEET ME HERE LATER AND WE'LL GO TO MR. DONOVAN'S HOUSE!



IF ONLY MR. DONOVAN WAS SOMEONE I HATED—IF HE WOULDN'T BE SO GOOD TO ME—I HATE STEALING FROM HIM, BUT I NEED THE MONEY FOR JOHNNY AND ME TO MAKE A NEW START!



THERE'S ENOUGH HERE FOR US TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY! I'LL HAVE MY FACE OPERATED ON! I'LL GET ME A COUPLE OF GUNS MAYBE! I'LL...



"DEAR MR. DONOVAN AND JOHNNY, I WAS GOING TO STEAL THE CIRCUS MONEY FOR A NEW START IN LIFE, BUT I CAN'T DO IT! INSTEAD, I'M LEAVING! I'M NO GOOD FOR JOHNNY AS A FATHER!"

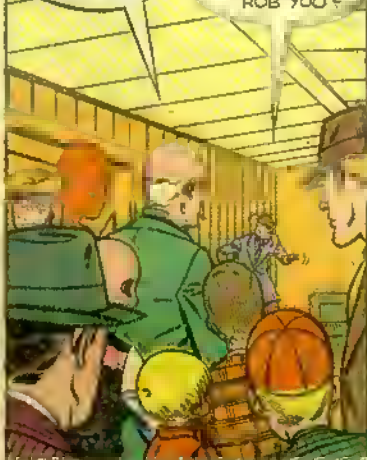


IT'S NO USE—THIS LETTER DOESN'T SAY WHAT I MEAN! IT WON'T HELP JOHNNY UNDERSTAND! I'LL JUST CLEAR OUT!



DON'T BE SCARED, JOE! WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED!

THEN YOU KNOW WHAT I PLANNED TO DO—HOW I PLANNED TO ROB YOU?



THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! YOU WEREN'T A THIEF AT HEART!

AND THIS LETTER PROVES IT!



I JUST KNEW YOU COULDN'T DO IT, DAD! EVEN WHEN I SAW YOU OPEN THE SAFE, I STILL BELIEVED IN YOU!

I GUESS THERE'S JUST ONE THING FOR ME TO DO—GO BACK AND FACE THE MUSIC! THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO, ISN'T IT, JOHNNY?

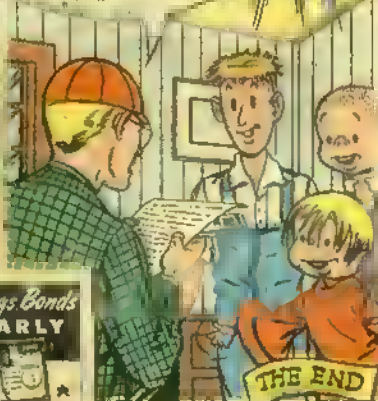
DON'T LET HIS ESCAPE COUNT AGAINST HIS PAROLE! IF YOU'LL RELEASE HIM, MR. DONOVAN WILL GIVE HIM HIS JOB BACK IN THE CIRCUS—AND HIS SON CAN LIVE WITH HIM! I'LL GUARANTEE HIS HONESTY!

YOUR WORD IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR US, DAREDEVIL!

WOW! IT'S A LETTER FROM JOHNNY CRANE! HIS DAD'S BACK WITH THE CIRCUS, AND JOHNNY'S WITH HIM! AND HE'S SENT FOUR LIFE-TIME PASSES TO THE CIRCUS!

YIPPEE! OH, BOY! HOT DOG!

I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE FOR LONG, JOE! I THINK ALL OF US CAN GIVE YOU A PRETTY HIGH RECOMMENDATION!



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Kathryn Pshirrer
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I have just finished reading Daredevil Comics. They are the best comics I have ever read. Here is my suggestion. Why not have the Wise Guys visit some other country and get lost or have some strong adventure? Please keep up the good work.

Jack Cootes
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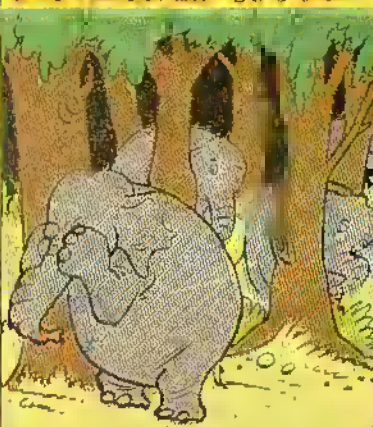
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STAMP PAGE

by SIDNEY M. ELIAS

"PULLING BONERS" on stamps, as described in a previous article, is the making of embarrassing mistakes by engravers who produce the designs which appear on stamps. In spite of careful research into old pictures and records these mistakes continue to occur and in the following paragraphs some of the recent "boners" are explained.

In 1933, Canada issued a 5-cent stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first passage under steam by the steamship Royal William. This vessel was a paddle wheeler, whereas the engraver unwittingly shows the Royal William to be a screw-propeller type of ship.

A really embarrassing mistake or prize "boner", occurred on the Soviet Russian stamp of 1936, issued in commemoration of the 100th birthday of Nicolai Dobrolubov, a famous Russian revolutionary writer and critic. The portrait on the stamp shows Nicolai Dobrolubov, however, beneath his portrait appears the caption A. N. Dobrolubov, the name of a mystical religious poet who is detested by the Communists.

On the stamps of Gambia, the British colony in West Africa, there appeared in the 1922 issue a picture of an elephant with its hind legs formed like those of a horse! Elephants have only two rear leg joints whereas a horse has more than two. Stamp collectors called attention to this error and it was widely published. However, in 1938 when the new series of stamps showing King George VI appeared, the same elephant with the faulty legs was reproduced.

The Australian commemorative set of 1937, issued on the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales, depicts Governor Phillip landing at Sydney Cove in 1788 wearing epaulettes on his shoulder. According to the author of British Naval Customs and Traditions, epaulettes were not worn on uniforms until 1795.

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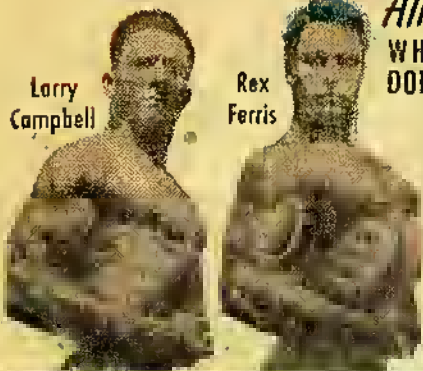
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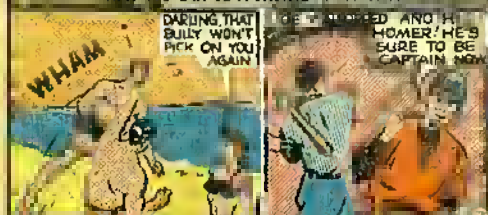
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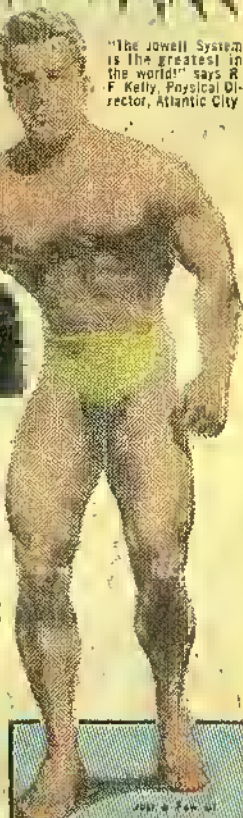
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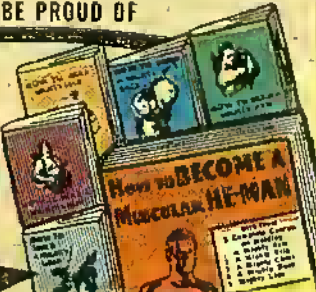
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